

Boost in Title For Wittson

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Dr. Cecil Wittson, dean of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, was given a new title Tuesday by the N.U. Board of Regents.

Dean Wittson was named president of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, effective immediately.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin said the new title was in recognition of the growing importance of the medical division and in preparation for continued expansion.

In effect, the change gives Dr. Wittson equal status with Dr. Kirk E. Naylor, president of the University of Omaha, who is scheduled to head the University of Nebraska at Omaha when the schools merge in July.

Olson Appointed

Dr. Hardin said both men will be heading an independent division of the university.

In other change, the board appointed Dr. James C. Olson vice-chancellor for graduate studies and research.

Dr. Olson, a staff member since 1956, will continue as dean of the graduate college and professor of history.

Dr. Wittson was the first director of the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute and brought national recognition to that institution.

He has been Medical School dean since 1964.

Dr. Hardin said Dr. Wittson was instrumental in obtaining the recent grant of \$1,636,07 from the Public Health Service to help finance construction of the College of Medicine Library.

68 Pct. of Cost

The grant, announced about 10 days ago, will pay 68 per cent of the cost.

The board also approved the purchase of property at 421 South Forty-first Street, Omaha, for future development of the medical campus.

University officials said they are negotiating for the lot and house for about 30 thousand dollars.